

STAFF REPORT

To: Asheville City Council Public Safety Committee Date: June 2, 2014
Via: Gary Jackson, City Manager
From: Scott Burnette, Fire Chief
Subject: Naming Fire Station 1

Summary Statement: The consideration of naming Fire Station 1 after City of Asheville Firefighter Gus Werhan.

Review: City of Asheville Firefighter Charles "Gus" Werhan tragically lost his life on December 9th, 1963, while fighting a fire at 23 Biltmore Ave. The Werhan family has requested that Gus be honored by naming City of Asheville Fire Station 1 as the "Gus Werhan Memorial Fire Station"

Pros:

- Having a City of Asheville owned facility that has been named to honor a public servant who has died in the line of duty is an ultimate recognition of public service.

Cons:

- None have been identified or known at this time.

Fiscal Impact: The purchase of a plaque commemorating the naming would be the associated expense to this consideration.

Recommendation: Staff recommends that the Asheville City Council Public Safety Committee recommend further consideration by the full Asheville City Council.